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E.O. 11652:GDS

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SUBJECT:KENYA GOVERNMENT EXPELS U.S. MINE OWNER

REF: NAIROBI 5096

1. THOUGH GOK APPEARS TO HAVE ACCORDED MINIMAL COURTESIES TO SAUL (UNLIKE SKANE CASE) WE SEE POTENTIAL FOR FAR GREATER POLITICAL EMBARRASSMENT IN PRESENT CASE. WHEREAS ESSO HAD STRONG BUSINESS INTEREST NOT TO PUBLICIZE SKANE'S EXPULSION, SAUL WILL HAVE NO SUCH INTEREST. STORY WOULD SEEM LIKELY TO ATTRACT WIDE ATTENTION IN BOTH BUSINESS AND POLITICAL CIRCLES IN U.S.

2. ACCORDINGLY, REQUEST EMBASSY APPROACH GOK AT HIGHEST LEVEL CURRENTLY ACCESSIBLE. DEMARCHE SHOULD FEATURE OBVIOUS POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC REASONS FOR REVERSING ORDER IN SAUL'S CASE. WE SEE MERIT IN ATTEMPTING ORAL AND INFORMAL DEMARCHE PROBABLY DIRECTLY TO VP MOI IF HE AVAILABLE. ON BASIS YOUR REPORT OF RESULTS, WE CAN CONSIDER
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UTILITY OF WRITTEN PROTEST.

3. APPRECIATE ANY FURTHER BACKGROUND EMBASSY MAY HAVE ON SAUL; HIS TIES IN U.S.; HIS ACTIVITIES AND REPUTATION IN KENYA; LEGAL BASIS FOR HIS CONCESSIONS, SUCH AS WRITTEN CONTRACTS; HIS EXPRESSED INTENTIONS BEFORE DEPARTURE FROM KENYA. KISSINGER

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